

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) concurrently herewith.

The final office action of April 18, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 8, 11-13, 21, 24, 26, 27, 35, 38 and 40 remain pending in this application. Claims 41-44 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 2-7, 9, 10, 14-20, 22, 23, 25, 28-34, 36, 37 and 39 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Preliminarily, applicants wish to thank Examiner Rutledge for the courtesies extended to their representatives during the personal interview on May 11, 2007. The following remarks include applicants' substance of interview pursuant to MPEP § 713.04.

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16-19, 21-28, 30-33, 35, 38, and 40-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 6,509,912 to Moran et al. ("Moran"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As amended, claim 1 recites, among other features, an input system that receives a save command, a rendering system for rendering a save interface in response to the input system receiving the save command, the input system configured to receive in electronic ink format a property value of a document or file on or accessible by the computer system in the save interface. As ostensibly discussed during the interview, Moran neither teaches nor suggests any element for rendering a save interface in response to receiving a save command. Nor does Moran teach or suggest any element which receives in electronic ink format a property value of a document or file on or accessible by the computer system in the save interface as recited in amended claim 1. Indeed, Moran is wholly silent as to any save command or save interface, and at col. 9, line 50 to col. 10, line 10 merely describes different operations on an icon for example, selecting an icon, deleting an icon and changing the value of attributes, in response to user actions on icons. For at least the above reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from Moran.

Claims 8, 11, and 12, which ultimately depend from claim 1, are patentably distinct from Moran for the same reasons as their ultimate base claim and further in view of the additional advantageous features recited therein.

Independent claims 13 and 27 are similar to claim 1 in some respects and considered patentably distinct from Moran for at least the same reasons as claim 1, and further in view of the additional advantageous features recited therein. Also, claims 21, 24, and 26, which ultimately depend from claim 13, and claim 35, 38, and 40, which ultimately depend from claim 27, are patentably distinguishable from Moran for at least the same reasons as their respective ultimate base claims and further in view of the additional advantageous features recited therein.

CONCLUSION

If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,
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